

Capsule Summary  
SM-736  
St. Inigoes General Store  
St. Inigoes  
Private

c. 1920

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# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-736

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Inigoes General Store

other

### 2. Location

street and number 15094 Point Lookout Road \_\_ not for publication

city, town St. Inigoes \_\_ vicinity

county St. Mary's

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Arthur Gerald Den Hartog, Jr. & Gary Gregg Den Hartog

street and number 15094 Point Lookout Road telephone N/a

city, town St. Inigoes state Md zip code 20684

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-67, P-138

city, town Leonardtown liber MRB 128 folio 444

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

| Category  | Ownership                                   | Current Function                                   | Resource Count                              |  |                 |
|---|---|--|---|--|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input type="checkbox"/> public             | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture               | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape          | Contributing   | Noncontributing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture | 1  | _____           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both               | <input type="checkbox"/> defense                   | <input type="checkbox"/> religion           | _____  | _____           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic       | <input type="checkbox"/> social             | _____  | _____           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 |   | <input type="checkbox"/> education                 | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation     | _____  | _____           |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary                  | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress   | 1  | _____           |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> government                | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown            | _____  | _____           |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> health care               | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use  | <b>Number of Contributing Resources<br/>previously listed in the Inventory</b><br>_____<br>0 |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> industry                  | <input type="checkbox"/> other:             |  |                 |

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Strategically positioned just north of the intersection of Trapp and Point Lookout Roads, the St. Inigoes General Store is located in the small crossroads community of St. Inigoes, Maryland. Oriented on an east/west axis, the store resides on a 0.6 acre lot that has been modified to fit its current use as a roadside commercial establishment and apartment building. A slender parking lot is situated to the west of the store and features two curb cuts that permit entrance and exits from Point Lookout Road. The property is bounded to the north and east by a residential subdivision, to the south by a commercial lot, and to the west by the road.

The store building, constructed c. 1920, is a two-and-a-half story, three bay, frame building that is often characterized by architectural surveys as a four-square – a building with an overall boxy appearance. Although the foundation is obscured, the exterior walls are sheathed with aluminum siding. The distinctive low-pitched pyramidal roof is covered with decorative pressed metal shingles. In addition to the main building is a one story, frame addition that extends from the east and south of the store.

The front or west elevation of the store has been dramatically altered to increase the amount of space within the building. To accommodate these needs, a shed roof extension was constructed. Laid up in an all stretcher brick bond, this extension features a central door flanked on either side with paired plate glass store windows. Just above these bays is a large sign that reads “St. Inigoes General Store, Open 7 days, Pizza Ice Cream Deli, On-Off Sales.” The second floor is pierced by three symmetrically placed, six-over-one, double-hung sash windows. The attic story is lit by a hip roof dormer pierced by two one-over-one windows.

The south elevation has also been modified in order to accommodate the second floor apartments. While the first floor is not fenestrated, the second floor is pierced by three six-over-one windows and a doorway. The doorway is accessed via a modern staircase and open porch. The roof is pierced by a hip roof dormer pierced by two one-over-one windows. The rear addition is visible here and is covered with aluminum siding. The hipped roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles.

No other elevations were observed.

# 8. Significance

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| Period  | Areas of Significance                            | Check and justify below                               |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> economics                    | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine        | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology              | <input type="checkbox"/> education                    | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering                  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/<br>recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000-                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce     | <input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage              | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science             |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/<br>settlement   | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> social history      |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning      |   | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime history       | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation      |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation            |   | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> other:              |

**Specific dates**

**Architect/Builder**

**Construction dates**

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property .6 acres  
Acreage of historical setting .6 acres  
Quadrangle name St. Mary's City                      Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the north and east by a residential subdivision, to the south by a commercial lot, and to the west by the road. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber MRB128, Folio 444.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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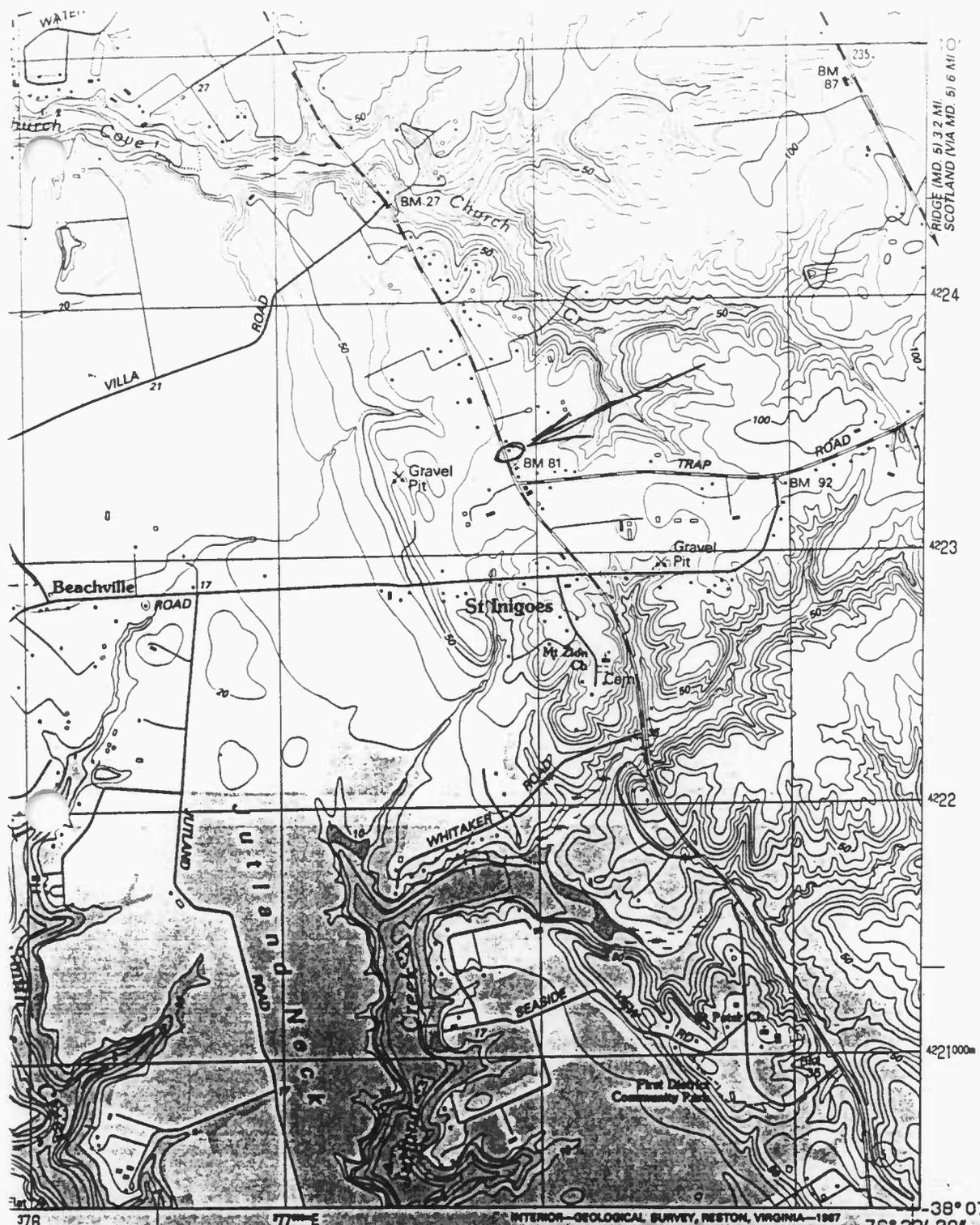
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|-----------------|---|-----------|--------------|
| name/title      | Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor         |           |              |
| organization    | St. Mary's County Department of Planning & Zoning | date      | August, 2000 |
| street & number | 22740 Washington Street                           | telephone | 301-475-4662 |
| city or town    | Leonardtown                                       | state     | Maryland     |

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

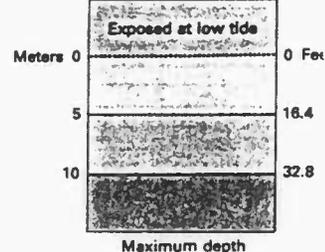
The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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   DHCD/DHCP  
   100 Community Place  
   Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
   410-514-7600

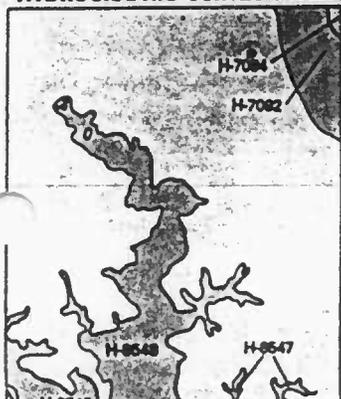


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**DEPTH GRADIENTS**



**NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE  
HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY INDEX**



**ROAD CLASSIFICATION**

- Primary highway, hard surface .....
- Secondary highway, hard surface .....
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface ...
- Unimproved road ...
- Interstate Route
- U. S. Route
- State Route

POINT LOOKOUT  
Sta. 21 SE

**ST. MARYS CITY, MD.**

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1987 St. Inigoes General Store  
DMA 5760 III NW-SERIES St. Inigoes  
St. Mary's County  
St. Mary's City Quad





ST. INIGOE GEN. STORE

OPEN 7 DAYS    PIZZA ICE CREAM DEL.    DRY/REF. SALES

